

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

IN RE    Pet Food Products                :     Civil Action No. 07-2867 (NLH)  
       Liability Litigation                :  
                                              :     MDL DOCKET NO. 1850  
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The Court having raised this issue *sua sponte* because it had received communications from eight non-party members of the putative class in the instant action; and

These non-parties having sought the right to negotiate and settle their claims with Defendant Menu Foods; but

Defendant Menu Foods having entered into a consent order to cease its communications with putative class members until a supplemental communication is agreed upon by the parties and/or approved by the Court [Civ. A. No. 07-1338, Docket Nos. 31, 36]; and,

The Court having issued an Order to Show Cause why Menu Foods should not be granted leave to settle with certain designated members of the putative class; and

The Court having held a hearing on September 26, 2007 on, *inter alia*, this issue; and

The Court having received no objection to these non-party members settling their claims; and

The Court having instructed liaison counsel for plaintiffs and defendants to work together to prepare letters to be sent to these non-party members, and to submit those letters to the Court

for approval; and

It appearing that no objection to the letters has been filed;

**IT IS HEREBY** on this 7th day of November, 2007

**ORDERED** that the previous Orders of the Court enjoining Menu Foods from communicating with putative class members are modified to allow Menu Foods to send these letters to these non-party members of the putative class; and it is further

**ORDERED** that defendants shall mail these letters within seven (7) days of the date of this Order.

s/ Noel L. Hillman

At Camden, New Jersey

NOEL L. HILLMAN, U.S.D.J.